

Curriculum Vitae For
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Personal Details:

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DATE OF BIRTH: 16 MARCH 1997

NATIONALITY: ZIMBABWEAN

SEX: MALE

Education:

Undergraduate Mechatronics engineering student studying with Chinhoyi University of Technology.

Media / Film Making Experience:

PaVarsity:

In November 2020, I created a Sitcom called PaVarsity and wrote the script for the first two seasons (26 episodes).

In March of 2021, we went and shot a proof of concept, and using the proof of concept, entered into a partnership with Chinhoyi University of Technology (my University) to co-produce the Television series and distribute it via NRTV (a local new station who have agreed to screen it).

Filming of the first season scheduled for the last quarter of 2023, after the rewrites are completed.

Kura Uone:

In July 2022, I created a social impact project titled Kura Uone (a Shona cautionary Idiom meaning Grow up and see), a silent short film (link attached in the email), whose goal is to highlight the plight of young people who get into early child marriages.

The project was released on YouTube, and whilst it did not get as much coverage as had been hoped for, it caught the attention of ZBC (another local TV station), who have asked for permission to turn it into a series.

Boy Child

From January of 2023, I have embarked on yet another social impact project, titled "Boy Child" (script attached in the email), which reminds society that the boy child needs protection too.

Boy child is a short social impact silent film whose focus is on highlighting the plight of men who have now become victims of false allegations for grievous offenses such as rape and gender based violence. In the event that allegations are proven to be false, the defamation of character result in long lasting negative impact on their lives (careers [e.g hollywood actor John Depp or former english premier league soccer player Benjamin Mendy, just to name a few]). The associated unwarranted stigma end up adversely affecting their mental health (which they rarely get help on).

Other (Tech related) Experience:

MyShoppah:

Our team created a self service application for shopping Instore called Myshoppah. We presented it to wholesale and retail outlets, inclusive of N Richards, Spar, TM, Foodworld and Choppies. Currently using feedback from the first round of presentations to improve the system so as to go back for the second round and have it implemented.

2020 Green Enterprize Finalist:

In 2020, our team made it to the finals of the Green Enterprize Challenge with a project for pre-paid water meters.

2021 Atsign Appathon:

In 2021, our team created and presented an application called Virtual Suggestion Box, which we open sourced this year, and we were one of the winners with a cash prize of \$500 USD given to us by the Atsign Company, which is based in the United States Of America and Computer Society of Zimbabwe. Project can be found on github or by searching on Google.

2023 Election Hackathon:

Early this year, Magamba Network hosted a Hackathon for solutions related to the upcoming 2023 Elections. Our team, under the name "Savannah Geeks" presented a solution titled "Ballot Buddies", which won a cash prize of \$1 000 USD. We are now finishing up and getting ready to launch it, in preparation for 2023 elections.

Falling Walls Zimbabwe 2022 Finalist:

In August 2022, we were shortlisted from over 70 applicants to present our solution, Myshoppah, at the Stanbic Incubator hub Harare. The presentation is available on Facebook on the Heart and Soul TV Facebook page.

Banc ABC Hackathon:

Early in September of 2022, our team applied and was among the 12 teams shortlisted from over 50 applicants to present our solutions at the Banc ABC Incubator hub, where unfortunately, we did not manage to win the first price.

NB: (all narrated experiences name local brands which can be looked up for reference)

References:

Name: David Simba Guwaza

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Role: He put up the equipment and Technical crew to film Kura Uone pilot

Name: Dr Batsirai Chivhanga

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Role: Liased the deal between the University and PaVarsity

Name: Mr Wellington

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Role: He the one who is liasing the deal to ensure Kura Uone becomes a series.

Name: Mr Harvey

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Role: He is our contact person with who we communicate with in terms of progress of the solution we presented and he is the person who ensures funds are sent to us.

Name: Viola Dondo

Occupation: Executive Director of Computer Society of Zimbabwe

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Role: Liased with the Atsign company organizing the competition and ensured winning teams got paid